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Recently, several modifications have been adopted for construction work zones by the Construction Work Zone Advisory Committee. This has led to modifications in Special Provision 812C ("Injure/kill a worker \$7500 + 15 Years") and the clarification of required signs. The Special Provision 812C will be updated and called "Placement of Approaching/Departing Signs in Work Zones" (see enclosure). The current details associated with the placement of these signs will be available on the web. The details have been changed to reflect the modifications which have been incorporated into the new frequently used special provision.

Some of the highlights are

- For ALL projects, the advance signing in one of the enclosed 6 details must be used in addition to signing sequence for the project. The lower box of each typical describes its appropriate use.
- For a project with a detour route longer than two miles the typical M001ae must be used. This includes a "Road Work Next __ Miles", "Injure Kill a Worker", "Fines Doubled in Work Zones" prior to the Detour route ahead and at the end of the project limits a "End Road Work" sign must be placed.
- For Detour routes less than two miles the "Road Work Next __ Miles" sign is replaced with "Road Work Ahead". The rest of the signs still apply.
- For intermediate and short term work operations where the signs will be removed at the end of the day on an undivided two-way road, typical M001ce must be used. This includes and "Road Work Ahead", "Injure Kill and Worker", "Traffic Fines Doubled", and at the end of the project limits a "End Road Work" sign.

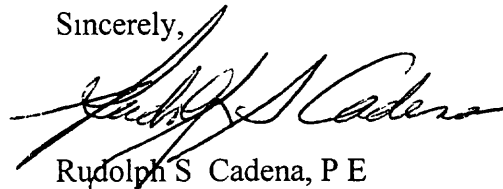
The size of the sign, "To Protect Highway Workers Traffic Fines Doubled in Work Zones", can be reduced if the location of the size can not adequately accommodate a 96" x 60" sign. In these cases the smaller sign, "Traffic Signs Doubled in Work Zones", 48"X60", can be used. Examples of locations where the smaller of these signs can be utilized is in downtown urban areas where sidewalks will be impacted, right of way issues, space constraints, and excessive fore slopes that can not physically accommodate the size of the sign.

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In an effort to create a safer work zone environment laws have been passed requiring these signs. If the signs are not in place, the fines/penalties are not enforceable. The size of the signs must match those specified in the typical signing details. The enclosed signing details were generated as a result of the applicable laws and from the numerous complaints to our Traffic and Safety Division from the motoring public.

If you have any further questions on this update, please contact your staff engineer or Bruce Munroe at (517) 335-2856.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rudolph S. Cadena', written over a horizontal line.

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